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**Identical letters dated 4 August 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires
a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the
Security Council**

On instructions from my Government, and with reference to my previous letters on the continuous Israeli aggression against Lebanon and its people, I have the honour to inform you that Israeli air forces targeted civilian farmers today in the village of Qa'a in the Bekaa Valley. The Israeli air strikes led to the deaths of more than 30 farmers and wounded 12 more.

This grave crime is part of a series of persistent and deliberate Israeli violations of international law, including humanitarian and human rights law, in particular the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War of 12 August 1949.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the sixtieth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 14 entitled "The situation in the Middle East", and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Caroline Ziade
Chargé d'affaires a.i.





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Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the
Security Council**

Upon instructions from my Government, I wish to transmit the following letter of the Syrian Arab Republic on the massacre at Alqa'a, which was perpetrated by Israel in Lebanon yesterday, resulting in the death of 33 Syrian and Lebanese civilian victims, among them 26 Syrian civilian nationals (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated immediately as a document of the sixtieth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 14, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) **Bashar Ja'afari**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative



**Annex to the identical letters dated 5 August 2006 from the
Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the
United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the
President of the Security Council**

[Original: Arabic]

Israel has continued its series of massacres and its invasion of Lebanon, as its warplanes deliberately murdered, on 4 August, 33 Syrian and Lebanese civilians and injured 12 others, who were eating lunch after finishing their work of loading food supplies for the Lebanese. Among the victims were 26 Syrian civilians, which was another provocation of Syria by Israel through its aggression against Lebanon. This massacre is yet another in the series of massacres perpetrated by Israel in its ongoing aggression against Lebanon since 12 July that have claimed the lives of more than a thousand innocent civilians, including the second massacre at Qana.

Preventing the Security Council from assuming its responsibilities for the maintenance of international peace and security and the failure to hold accountable those who murdered United Nations peacekeepers and to halt the Israeli aggression against Lebanon for almost a month have led to the perpetration of the second massacre at Qana, and the massacre at Alqa'a, and to the death of such large numbers of innocent civilians. Moreover, preventing the Council from putting an end to Israel's state terrorism and the war crimes it has been committing against Lebanon without any deterrent is but a systematic destruction of all the norms subscribed to by humanity in the Charter of the United Nations, international law and international humanitarian law, particularly the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War.

Syria supports the immediate discharge by the fact-finding commission on the second massacre at Qana of its functions and the extension of its mandate to cover the massacre at Alqa'a. Syria demands full Israeli reparations for the families of the Syrian civilians murdered by Israel in its current aggression, particularly of those who died in the recent massacre at Alqa'a. Syria also supports the demand by Lebanon that Israel be compelled to pay reparations for the massacres at Qana and Alqa'a and its destruction of installations and infrastructure in Lebanon.

The ongoing undeterred Israeli aggression against Lebanon and the prospects of its expansion, together with the attendant risks to Lebanon, the peoples of the Middle East and the entire world, make it incumbent upon the international community to rally and mobilize its strength against Israel and the sponsors of war and aggression, and seek an immediate, unconditional ceasefire. For such a ceasefire to endure, Israel must withdraw to behind the Blue Line, in order not to be allowed to achieve any gains through its aggression and its state terrorism. It has also become clear to all observers of the situation in the Middle East that the only way to put and end to the cycle of violence in the region is through a just and lasting solution to the Middle East problem based on the implementation of Security Council resolutions 242 (1967) and 338 (1973) and ending the Israeli occupation of all the occupied Arab Territories.



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the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General
and the President of the Security Council**

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you of the following decision taken by the Lebanese Council of Ministers earlier today.

"The Lebanese Government reaffirms its readiness to deploy a Lebanese armed force of 15,000 troops in South Lebanon as the Israeli army withdraws behind the Blue Line, as well as its readiness to agree on requesting the assistance of additional forces from the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), as needed, to facilitate the entry of the Lebanese armed forces into the region. All of this is on the basis of the 7-point plan, which was approved by the Cabinet.

"The Government also restates its intention to strengthen the Lebanese armed forces with material, as needed, to enable it to perform its duties."

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda item 14 and of the Security Council. An identical letter has been sent to the President of the Security Council.

(Signed) Caroline **Ziade**
Chargé d'affaires a.i.





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Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

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Report of the Secretary-General

Summary

The present report has been prepared in accordance with paragraph 5 (d) of the annex to resolution 58/316. It contains the draft programme of work of the plenary of the General Assembly at its sixty-first session. The draft programmes of work of five of the six Main Committees of the Assembly, which were adopted by the Assembly during the main part of its sixtieth session, can be found in the respective decisions of the Assembly. The status of documentation will be issued as an addendum to the present report.



Introduction

1. The General Assembly, in its resolution 58/316 entitled "Further measures for the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly", decided that in July of each year, the General Committee should conduct a review of the proposed programme of work for the forthcoming session of the Assembly, on the basis of a report submitted by the Secretary-General, and also submit recommendations on the matter to the forthcoming session of the Assembly. The report should include information on the status of documentation to be issued during the forthcoming session.
2. The present report has been prepared in response to that request.
3. To assist the General Committee and the General Assembly in their efforts to maximize both effectiveness and efficiency, the report contains the draft programme of work of the plenary of the Assembly at its sixty-first session. The programmes of work of the Main Committees, with the exception of the Fifth Committee, have been approved by the respective Committees and were adopted by the Assembly during the main part of its sixtieth session. The detail of the draft programmes is available in the respective decisions as follows: First Committee (decision 60/521 of 8 December 2005); Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (decision 60/526 of 5 December 2005); Second Committee (decision 60/549 of 22 December 2005); Third Committee (decision 60/537 of 16 December 2005); and Sixth Committee (decision 60/513 of 8 December 2005).¹
4. The status of documentation will be issued as an addendum to the present report.

¹ Information on the programme of work of the Fifth Committee is not available as the Fifth Committee only concluded its work in July 2006.

Draft programme of work of the plenary² of the General Assembly at its sixty-first session

First week (12-15 September)

Tuesday	Opening of the session by the President of the General Assembly [1] ³
a.m.	Minute of silent prayer or meditation [2]
	Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee [3 (a)]
	Meeting of the General Committee
Wednesday	Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items:
Evening	First report of the General Committee [7]
	[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences]
Thursday and Friday, a.m. and p.m.	High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development [54 (b)]

Second week (18-22 September)

	[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences]
Monday and Tuesday (9-10 a.m.)	Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries [55 (a)]
Tuesday (11 a.m.) to Friday	General Debate [8] ⁴

² The preliminary programme of work is prepared based on 13 weeks of work for the main part of the session, taking into account the fixed dates for the observance of United Nations Day, two official United Nations holidays and the scheduling of some items, owing either to long-time practice and/or General Assembly mandate. The weeks are counted based on the opening date of the sixty-first session on Tuesday, 12 September 2006 (see A/INF/61/1), and the date of recess on Tuesday, 12 December 2006.

³ Agenda items and their numbers cited herein are from the provisional list of items for the sixty-first session (A/61/150). All items are pending approval by the General Assembly at its sixty-first session for inclusion on the agenda and allocation for consideration. Some items that are on the provisional list are not contained in the draft programme, either in accordance with relevant resolutions and decisions or so that they may be scheduled at a later date.

⁴ As the first item before the opening of the general debate, the Secretary-General will present his report on the work of the Organization.

Third week (25-29 September)

Monday to Friday

General Debate [8]

Fourth week (2-6 October)

[Organizational, administrative and other matters]

Monday

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization [99]

Thursday

Fifth week (9-13 October)

[Promotion of justice and international law]

Monday

1. Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [70]; report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [71]: **joint debate**

2. Report of the International Criminal Court [72]

[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences; development of Africa]

Thursday

2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa [47]; New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support [61 (a) and (b)]: **joint debate**

Sixth week (16-20 October)

[Organizational, administrative and other matters]

Monday

Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council [100 (a)]

[Organizational, administrative and other matters]

Thursday

Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations

Cooperation between the United Nations and the African Union (resolution 59/213 of 20 December 2004) [105 (a)]; cooperation between the United Nations and the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (resolution 59/3 of 22 October 2004 [105 (b)]); cooperation between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (resolution 59/5 of 22 October 2004) [105 (c)]; cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization (resolution 59/259 of 23 December 2004) [105 (d)]; cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community (resolution 59/138 of 10 December 2004) [105 (e)]; cooperation between the United Nations and the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries (resolution 59/21 of 8 November 2004) [105 (f)]; cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe (resolution 59/139 of 10 December 2004) [105 (g)]; cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Community of Central African States (resolution 59/310 of 14 July 2005) [105 (h)]; cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization (resolution 59/4 of 22 October 2004) [105 (i)]; cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization of la Francophonie (resolution 59/22 of 8 November 2004) [105 (j)]; cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (resolution 59/19 of 8 November 2004) [105 (k)]; cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System (resolution 59/258 of 23 December 2004) [105 (l)]; cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States (resolution 59/9 of 22 October 2004) [105 (m)]; cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (resolution 59/7 of 22 October 2004) [105 (n)]; cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (resolution 55/285 of 7 September 2001) [105 (o)]; cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States (resolution 59/257 of 23 December 2004) [105 (p)]; cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference (resolution 59/8 of 22 October 2004) [105 (q)]; cooperation between the United Nations and the Pacific Islands Forum (resolution 59/20 of 8 November 2004) [105 (r)]; cooperation between the United Nations and the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (resolution 59/6 of 22 October 2004) [105 (s)]; cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Community (resolution 59/140 of 15 December 2004) [105 (t)];

joint debate

Sixth week (16-20 October)

Monday

Thursday

Seventh week (23-27 October)

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Official United Nations holiday (Eid Al-Fitr)

United Nations Day Concert

[Promotion of justice and international law]

Thursday, p.m.

Report of the International Court of Justice [68]

Eighth week (30 October-3 November)**[Disarmament]**

Monday

Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency [78]

[Organizational, administrative and other matters]

Thursday

Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council [100 (b)]

[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences]

Friday

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council [41]

2. Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin [42]

3. Culture of peace [43]

4. The role of the United Nations in promoting a new global human order [44]

5. Sport for peace and development [48]

Ninth week (6-10 November)**[Maintenance of international peace and security]**

Monday

1. Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba [18]

2. The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict [10]

3. Prevention of armed conflict [11]

4. Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic [15]
5. The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan [17]

**[Organizational, administrative and other matters;
maintenance of international peace and security]**

Thursday

1. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations [98]
2. Report of the Security Council [9]; question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [108]: **joint debate**

Tenth week (13-17 November)

[Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts]

Monday

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance [67 (a)] and assistance to the Palestinian people [67 (d)]: **joint debate**

[Organizational, administrative and other matters]

Thursday

1. Election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination [102 (a)]
2. Election of thirty members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law [102 (b)]
3. Election of the members of the International Law Commission [102 (c)]
4. Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences [103 (f)]
5. Appointment of the members of the Consultative Committee of the United Nations Development Fund for Women [103 (g)]
6. Appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit [103 (h)]
7. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations [106]
8. Multilingualism [111]

Eleventh week (20-24 November)

[Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences; organizational, administrative and other matters]

Monday

1. Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields [46]; revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [107]; strengthening of the United Nations system [109]; follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit [110]; United Nations reform: measures and proposals [148]; **joint debate**

2. Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit [110], specific meeting focused on development

Thursday

Official United Nations holiday (Thanksgiving Day)

Twelfth week (27 November-1 December)

[Maintenance of international peace and security]

Monday

The situation in Afghanistan [16]

[Maintenance of international peace and security]

Wednesday, p.m. and
Thursday and Friday

1. Question of Palestine [14]
2. The situation in the Middle East [13]

Thirteenth week (4-8 December)

Monday

[Promotion of justice and international law]

Thursday

Oceans and the law of the sea [69 (a)]; sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks and related instruments [69 (b)]; **joint debate**

Monday

Tuesday

(12 December — end of 13 weeks)